

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
September 29, 2020

The Fort Sisseton Commission met September 29, 2020 at Fort Sisseton and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Commission members present on site were Bill Hoskins, Eileen Warzeka, Todd Garry, Calvin Hove, and Judy Guleson,. Commissioner present via Zoom were Rosie Smith, Doug Eidahl, Duane Hemmah and Jim Patrick. GFP personnel present on site were Ali Tonsfeldt, Willy Collignon and Lori Skadsen. GFP present via Zoom were Al Nedved and Lisa Weyer. Tourism personnel present on site was Calvin Bloemendaal. Minutes taken by Dalaine.

AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY EILEEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS TYPED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOUNDATION REPORT Lisa presented the most recent foundation report.

MOTION BY TODD SECOND BY EILEEN TO APPROVE THE FOUNDATION REPORT AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION BY TODD SECOND BY BILL FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND THE COMMISSION CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR JUDY AS CHAIR. PASSED.

MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY TODD FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND THE COMMISSION CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR BRUCE AS VICE-CHAIR. PASSED.

MOTION BY TODD SECOND BY BILL FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND THE COMMISSION CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO APPOINT DUANE, BRUCE, DOUG AND BILL AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PASSED

MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY TODD FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND THE COMMISSION CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO APPOINT EILEEN, KIRK AND CALVIN AS THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Ali gave a report on past special events including Pioneer Kid Camp and Harvest Festival. Both had higher than expected attendance.

Ali updated the commission on the AC unit covers. The average life is 8 years. The vendor would schedule the installation for spring and lock in the price if approved. The total cost came in at \$3,379.18 which is \$1,300.98 short of the \$2078.20 previously allotted for a fence.

MOTION BY TODD SECOND BY BILL TO APPROVE THE EXTRA EXPENDITURE FOR VINYL AC UNIT COVERINGS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ali informed the commission that work on the magazine is scheduled to begin October 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment

NEW BUSINESS

Ali talked about the upcoming events with COVID. Haunted Fort Night of Thrills and Chills will be October 16 and 17. The activities will be moved outside. Firepit rental was discussed. The kids' portion will be moved to the following weekend with games, etc. to help the stress on the staff and volunteers.

MOTION BY EILEEN SECOND BY ROSIE TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$1,000.00 TO HELP WITH COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAUNTED FORT EVENTS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Frontier Christmas is December 12th. Ali and staff are still discussing how some of the changes will look due to COVID guidelines.

Calvin from Tourism gave an update on the South Dakota Tourism Marketing advertising and how it can help Fort Sisseton

BOB PERRY FUND ARTIFACTS

Judy informed the commission she has found 3 items that will be purchased from the fund and put in the COQ.

Willy handed out Strategic Planning review material. He would like the material completed and the commission ready to discuss the progress at the February meeting.

Willy is also working on commission members to fill the positions vacated by Marshall and Karie.

Todd asked Ali for an update on the new App. Numbers are great and subscriber numbers are more than we had predicted. Ali is in phase 3 of the development.

MOTION BY TODD TO ADJOURN SECOND BY CALVIN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.